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was being levied in case the produce increased under the improvements effected by the tenants, no abatement was being allowed in case of diminution and that the Regulation was not of help to the tenants in adjusting the claims; that renewals of Kanapattom were being effected as best suited the Jenmis' interests; that the Kanom carried a very low rate of interest while a very high rate was being realised on the Jenmis' dues and that the Regulation was helping the Jenmis in that direction. He detailed other cases in which the tenants were being deprived of their just claims and requested that Government take steps to acquire, on payment of compensation, the rights of Jenmis over their lands, settle the custom of the country with reference to the statements received from the Jenmis by the Jenmi and Tenant commissioners and adjust the Kudiyans' liabilities on an equitable basis.

The Assembly adjourned at 2 P. M. for an hour's interval and met again at 3 P. M.

18. *Amendment of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.*

Mr. P. K. Kesava Pillai (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) proposed the following changes in the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation :—

(*a*) That michavarom might be made payable at the Sirkar rate of 11 chuckrams per para ; (*b*) that claim for arrears of michavarom for more than three years might be made unenforceable ; (*c*) that the Kudiyan might be allowed to take only one document for all properties of the same class belonging to the same Jenmi ; (*d*) that Olappanam, Oppudoosi, Sakshi, Tirunalkalcha, Perunal chumadu, Varakoppu, Tirunalkoppu, Onakalcha and the like might be abolished ; (*e*) that three-fourths of the price of the ground might be granted to the tenant when the holding is acquired by Government ; (*f*) that the tenant might be allowed the right to demand remission of rent due on his Jenmom land in case of partial or total failure of crops ; (*g*) that the enjoyment of different parts of a holding by different members or branches of a Tarawad or by persons claiming under them might be recognised by the Jenmi and that the enjoyer thereof might be made liable to pay a proportionate share of the michavarom, renewal fees, &c. ; (*h*) that the Kudiyan might be entitled to valuable trees of spontaneous growth and empowered to fell them without the consent of the Jenmi ; and (*i*) that the agricultural facilities given to the ryots might be given to the Kudiyans also.

The member dealt with points (*e*), (*f*) and (*h*) and requested that an enquiry might be started to ascertain the

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grievances of the tenants and how best they could be remedied.

Dewan's reply.—At present the relations between the Jenmis and tenants are governed by a Regulation which was passed in 1071. A large number of suggestions have been now made by the two members for changing the relationship and all the suggestions appear to be in favour of the tenants. I may tell you at once that the position of a Jenmi in Travancore is very much worse than that enjoyed by the same class of people either in British Malabar or in Cochin, and several of the suggestions now made appear to be hardly fair to the Jenmis. They will practically amount to a confiscation of their rights. Government do not feel called upon to legislate on the subject as proposed.

19. *Exemption from court-fees, of suits on Settlement decisions.*

Mr. P. S. Maruthanayagom Pillai (Member, Taluk Association, Kalkulam) moved that suits arising out of the decisions of Settlement officers should be exempted from payment of court-fees or that the fees should be at least reduced.

Dewan's reply.—A Bill to amend the Court-Fees Regulation is now before Government and there is provision in it to meet the difficulty complained of by the member.

20. *Weights and Measures Regulation.*

Mr. N. Velayudhaperumal Pillai (Member, Agastisvaram Taluk) represented the existence of different standards of measure and of weight in different places and requested that a law should be enacted to regulate the same.

Dewan's reply.—Government quite see the necessity for regulating weights and measures. The question will be taken up.

21. *The Central Nazirat system.*

Mr. A. Venkitarama Iyer (Member, Vakils' Association, Trivandrum) said that, though sufficient time had not elapsed since the introduction of the Central Nazirat system, yet as great inconvenience was being caused by it to the client population, he would suggest a few amendments to the existing rules in regard to the system:—(*a*) that a sufficient number of assistants might be given to the District Court Nazir as he has to perform the duties hitherto performed by 3 or 4 Nazirs in the subordinate Courts; (*b*) that the number of process peons might be raised to 80, as the number now available has to perform thrice the amount of work prescribed and much inconvenience was being caused thereby; (*c*) that, in view to avoid delay, the Central Examiners might be

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